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1. As ordered by the Oriente Provincial Committee, the Municipal Executive Committee of the Partido Socialista Popular (PSP, Cuban Communist Party) of El Cobre, Oriente Province, Cuba, met on 28 August 1953, at the residence of Anacleto GALAN, a Communist leader. The meeting, held at Finca San Jose, Aserradero district, El Cobre, was concerned with the general situation of the Party and the expulsion of Pedro POZO Napoles from the PSP.
2. Pedro POZO Napoles was expelled from the PSP because, as secretary-general of the socialist committee (cell) of Caletón Blanco, he neglected his duties completely at a time when Party leaders should be increasing their activities and efficiency. In addition, POZO failed to hold meetings of his committee, to collect Party debts, and to meet his own financial obligations to the municipal committee. However, the most powerful reason behind his expulsion was his unwillingness to commit himself to giving asylum to Party leaders. In the eyes of the PSP this amounted to insubordination.
3. Pedro LAGO, municipal leader, explained the necessity for a "vigilancia revolucionaria" of all PSP leaders and militant members, as decreed by the Provincial Executive Committee. Since this is the most trying period in PSP history, the vigilance must be extended to include municipal leaders as well as those on the provincial and national levels. Asylum for Party members and leaders who are evading arrest by the government was also discussed, and the Party members in attendance at the meetings were reminded that they should willingly follow Party instructions and provide such asylum when necessary and further increase their zeal for Party tasks and their loyalty to the PSP.
4. The PSP Executive Committee held another meeting on 6 September at GALAN's home where, in accordance with instructions received from the Provincial Executive Committee, Reinaldo RUIZ recommended that PSP leaders and militant members penetrate patriotic groups such as the Veterans of the Independence, Association of Sons, Widows, and Descendants of the Independence; Catholic Youth; etc. and establish liaison between them and the PSP. In this way the Party can accomplish

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its legal and illegal work through mass movements. Communist youths are to take similar action as regards the Youth Group of the Partido Accion Progresista (PAP, Progressive Action Party) and other youth organizations.

5. In conclusion Juan BOIX Sotomayor discussed the importance of study circles to keep members abreast of the party's problems and well informed on Marxism.

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